

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department - Disciplinary action against Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd) - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two(2) years besides recovery of Rs.2,32,803/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued - Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 57

Dated:04-07-2015.

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No16127/2010/K1, dt.16.02.2014,
2. Govt.Memo.No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, Dated:05-11-2014.
3. From Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, FRO(Retd), dt:18.12.2014
4. Govt. Letter No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, Dated:18-03-2015.
5. From the Secy. APPSC Lr.No.247/RT/3/2015, Dt:10.04.2015.
6. Govt. Letter No.1394/For.IV/A1/2014, Dated:24-04-2015.
7. From the Secy. APPSC Lr.No.247/RT/3/2015, Dt:12.05.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer (Retd) along with other forest subordinates, u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and an articles of Charge was issued vide Prl.CCF Ref.No.11146/2005/PXR3 dt:20-7-2006, on the following count:-

- Article -I:-** "Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, the then FRO, Karvetinagar Range while functioning as FRO has neglected his duty in bringing out the facts to the notice of the DFO"
- Article-II:-** "While functioning in the aforesaid office, Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, the then FRO has allowed misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.8,05,529/- Statement I,II and III enclosed.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Articles of Charge and submitted his explanation on 10-1-2007. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapur and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Chittoor (E) Division were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively. After conducting inquiry the Inquiry Officer, has submitted his findings in which he held Charge -I is proved and Charge -II is partly proved.

3. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the charged officer vide PCCF Rc.No.16127/2010/K5 dt:22-4-2010 and the Charged Officer submitted his further defense statement on 16-7-2010 in which he has not put forth any new points other than which were already mentioned in his defense statement.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-04-2010. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer i.e., Charge - I is proved and Charge- II is partly Proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two(2) years besides recovery of Rs.2,32,803/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd) under rule 20 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1991.

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6. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued to Sri T.Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer (Retd) vide ref. 2nd read above. The Charged Officer had submitted his further defense statement to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 3rd read above in which he has accepted and agreed to the proposed punishment. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 7th read above.

7. Government after examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years besides recovery of Rs.2,32,803/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri T. Vasudeva Reddy, Forest Range Officer(Retd) under rule 20 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1991.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr.No.247/RT/3/2015, Dt:12.05.2015)
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SECTION OFFICER